



# UNCITRAL

## Code of Conduct for Arbitrators in International Investment Dispute Resolution

**6 May 2024 (Mon)**  
**18:00–19:30 (GMT+8)**

**Join Online**



**Join In-Person**



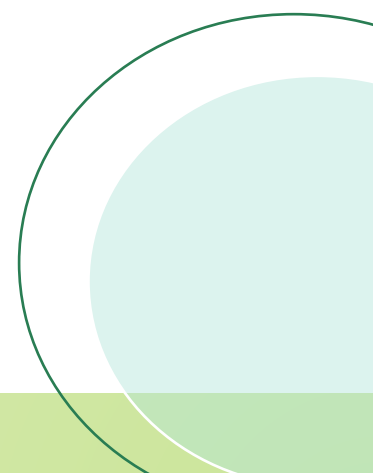
In July 2023, the [UNCITRAL Code of Conduct for Arbitrators in International Investment Dispute Resolution](#) was adopted, the draft of which was prepared by UNCITRAL's Working Group III on ISDS reform. In December 2023, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution recommending the use of the Code by arbitrators, former arbitrators, candidates, disputing parties, and administering institutions, and recommending governments involved in the negotiation of international investment instruments to make reference to the Code. Additional information about the Code is available [here](#).

This joint UNCITRAL-RCAP and AAIL event will explore the key features of the Code of Conduct and discuss its implications for practitioners, arbitrators, and government officials. The event will be opened by Anna Joubin-Bret, the Secretary of UNCITRAL, who will offer an overview of the Code. It will be followed by the discussion of an international expert panel to be moderated by Teresa Cheng, Founder Member and Co-Chairman of Asian Academy of International Law (AAIL). More details will follow soon.

**Venue: The Former French Mission Building, 1 Battery Path, Central, Hong Kong**

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TIME (GMT+8)	PROGRAMME
18:00 – 18:30	Keynote Speech
	<p><b>Anna JOUBIN-BRET</b> The Secretary United Nations Commission on International Trade Law</p>
18:30 – 19:30	Panel Discussion
	<p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Teresa CHENG GBM GBS SC JP</b> Founder Member and Co-Chairman Asian Academy of International Law</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u> (listed in alphabetical order)</p> <p><b>Justin D'AGOSTINO MH</b> Chief Executive Officer Herbert Smith Freehills</p> <p><b>Toby LANDAU KC</b> Advocate and Arbitrator Duxton Hill Chambers (Singapore Group Practice)</p> <p><b>Rimsky YUEN GBM SC JP</b> Co-Chairperson Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre</p> <p>Q &amp; A</p>



## KEYNOTE SPEECH



**Anna JOUBIN-BRET**

**The Secretary**

**United Nations Commission on International Trade Law**

Ms Anna Joubin-Bret is the Secretary of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and Director of the International Trade Law Division in the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations, which functions as the substantive secretariat for UNCITRAL. She is the 9<sup>th</sup> Secretary of the Commission since it was established by the General Assembly in 1966. Prior to her appointment on 24 November 2017, Ms Joubin-Bret practised law in Paris, specialising in international investment law and investment dispute resolution. She focused on serving as counsel, arbitrator, mediator and conciliator in international investment disputes. She served as arbitrator in several ICSID, UNCITRAL and ICC disputes. Prior to 2011 and for 15 years, Ms Joubin-Bret was Senior Legal Adviser for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. She edited and authored seminal research and publications on international investment law, notably the Sequels to UNCTAD IIA Series, and co-edited with Jean Kalicki a book titled *Reshaping the Investor-State Dispute Settlement System* in 2015. Ms Joubin-Bret holds a postgraduate degree (DEA) in Private International Law from the University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, a Master's degree in International Economic Law from the University of Paris I and in Political Science from Institut d'Etudes Politiques. She was Legal Counsel in the legal department of the Schneider Group, General Counsel of the KIS Group and Director-Export of Pomagalski S.A. She was appointed judge at the Commercial Court in Grenoble (France) and was elected Regional Counsellor of the Rhône-Alpes Region in 1998.

## MODERATOR



**Teresa CHENG GBM GBS SC JP**

**Founder Member and Co-Chairman**

**Asian Academy of International Law**

Teresa Cheng is a Senior Counsel, Chartered Engineer, Chartered Arbitrator and Mediator, with a distinguished record of public service in the Hong Kong SAR. From January 2018 to June 2022, Ms Cheng was the Secretary for Justice of the Hong Kong SAR. Ms Cheng specialises in a wide range of legal areas, including construction, international commercial contracts and investment arbitration, and is an experienced practitioner in international arbitration and mediation. She is frequently engaged as counsel or arbitrator in complex international commercial/investment disputes. She is one of the Founder Members of the Asian Academy of International Law, Past Vice President of the International Council of Commercial Arbitration, Past Vice President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, and Past Chairperson of Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre. In 2008, she became the first Asian woman elected through a global election as President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She served as Deputy Judge/Recorder in the High Court of Hong Kong from 2011 to 2017, and she was also a member of the World Bank's Sanctions Board. Ms Cheng is a Fellow of King's College in London, and she established the International Arbitration and Dispute Settlement Course at the Law School of Tsinghua University in Beijing, China, and is an Adjunct Professor as well as the Course Director.

## PANELLISTS (listed in alphabetical order)



**Justin D'AGOSTINO MH**

**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Herbert Smith Freehills**

Justin is the firm's Chief Executive Officer, overseeing its client, people, practices and growth strategies. He works closely with the firm's largest clients, both in his personal practice role and as a regional and global business leader, and leads the firm's 5,000-plus team of talented people. During his 23-year career with Herbert Smith Freehills, Justin has overseen the growth of many successful businesses, including the firm's market-leading Disputes practice and rapid expansion in Asia. A thought leader and skilled practitioner in arbitration and dispute resolution, Justin has appeared before tribunals around the world and regularly sits as arbitrator. Justin is a strong advocate and active supporter of diversity and inclusion in the firm and the wider community. He currently chairs the firm's Global Executive. His professional, business and community credentials include Member of the Executive Board of the International Chamber of Commerce, Co-Chair of the Host Committee of ICCA 2024 in Hong Kong, etc.



**Toby LANDAU KC**

**Advocate and Arbitrator**  
**Duxton Hill Chambers (Singapore Group Practice)**

Toby Landau is a barrister, advocate and arbitrator, and a member of the Bars of England and Wales, Singapore, New York, the British Virgin Islands and Northern Ireland, and is registered in the Dubai International Financial Centre. He practises in London as a sole practitioner and in Singapore from Duxton Hill Chambers (Singapore Group Practice). As Counsel, he has had a broad commercial and international practice in London since 1994 and in Singapore since 2017. He has argued hundreds of major international commercial, investor-State and inter-State arbitrations, as well as ground-breaking cases in the highest courts of England, Singapore, Hong Kong, Pakistan and the Caribbean. As Arbitrator, he has extensive experience as Chairman, Co-Arbitrator and Sole Arbitrator in commercial and investor-State disputes under most of the world's leading *ad hoc* and institutional rules. He is a member of various panels, including ICSID. Toby also holds various positions including Visiting Professor at Kings College London, Vice President of the SIAC Court of Arbitration, Member of the Governing Board of ICCA, Fellow of the CI Arb and Chartered Arbitrator, etc.



**Rimsky YUEN GBM SC JP**

**Co-Chairperson**  
**Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre**

Prior to 1 July 2012, Rimsky Yuen SC's practice was primarily commercial in nature with experience in various areas of commercial and related civil matters. The key areas of his practice included advisory and court works relating to contract disputes, shareholders and partners disputes, corporate and personal insolvency, banking, insurance and international trade. Apart from acting as advocate in court or arbitral proceedings, Rimsky Yuen SC also from time to time acted as arbitrator in international arbitration and as mediator in commercial and other civil disputes. During the period from 1 July 2012 to 5 January 2018, Rimsky Yuen SC occupied the position as Secretary for Justice of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. In his capacity as Secretary for Justice, he acted as the chief legal adviser to the Government overseeing five key areas of legal works: civil disputes involving the Government; criminal prosecutions; international law; drafting of government legislation; and legal policy matters (including the promotion of arbitration and mediation) as well as law reform. After his resignation as Secretary for Justice, Rimsky Yuen SC resumed private practice in April 2018 at Temple Chambers as barrister, arbitrator and mediator specialising in commercial disputes. Since then, he has been appointed as arbitrator in various international arbitrations (both Hong Kong and overseas) and has also been retained as advising counsel or advocate in various commercial disputes.